Pantomimic Ballet and Many Other Sights in the New Show at Koster & Bind's - An Opera That is Still Entertaining. Though It is No Longer Fashionable.

The new entertainment at Koster & Bial's Music Hall last night, "The Regatta Girl," was composed of foreign material to some exent Americanized. It was in the style of extravaganza popular of late years in this country, an amalgamate of farce, vaudaville, travesty and ballet, and in its make-up a great deal summarize the result, it may be said hastily at midnight to which hour the performance asted-that the stage was filled over and over by hundreds of persons who did their utwost to be amusing, and that their embeavors succeeded oftener than they failed. That is an elastic truth, which might be stretched to cover thougs better or worse than mediocrity, but in this case it is not meant to be apologetic or ambiguous. Regatta Girl" was a big, bright affair, and the portions that nobody liked were short and few, while these that pleased everybody were long and many. The play had been brought from England, and the American pens of Clay M. Greene and to sing "Faust" on Saturday for J. Cheever Goodwin had been applied to jests and jingles, with no change of scenes from Kensington Gardens, Henley-on-thesames and Covent Garden Theatre. This led up to a ballet, bearing the separate title of Progress," but connected in a way with the earlier parts of the show. The triumph of Civilization over Ignorance was illustrated in four pantomimic, populous and very pictorial scenes, the more striking of which were the Palace of Progress and the Nicaraguan harbor of Greytown. Many ancers of ability, some of them young strangers, others old acquaintances, were employed. This section of the long show was not vet over at midnight. It was an ambitious ballet and it will be described more fully in The Regatta Girl' had a plot that burlesqued

melodrama in general, though no especial play was ridiculed, except for a brief travesty 'Sapho," A South African millionaire had "long-lost che-ill," for whom he and a Scotland Yard detective searched diligently and sometimes comically. A trio of villains pass a makeshift child off on him. deceit is not discovered and the deceit is not discovered until the end, when the heroine of the travesty arama, who has won a boatrace in place of her drugged lover, turns out to be the "long-lost chest d." The fun of the place was helped by the combe personalities concerned in playing it, such actors as were gathered together for the principal roles may be depended upon to enliven their parts by comic introductions. Last night "hey were undenably dull at times fell its Geard was the African millionaire and the principal roles may be depended upon to enliven their parts by comic introductions. Last night they were undenably dult at times. Ed lie 6 right was the African millionaire and Laura Joyce Bell was a supposedly comic old woman in pursuit of him. William T Terris, Attalie Claire and Stephen Moley were the villainous conspirators. Ethel Jackson and Albert Parr were the chief singers, at least they were given the principal singing parts. Glovanni Ferugini was the connecting link between "The Regatta Girl" and "Progress," as he was supposed to be the composer of the ballet. Jennie Yeamans was a Vesta Tilly chappie, but diss Tilly need not tremble for her laurels. Amelia Summerville was comical as a six-foot baby. After working into their parts these actors should be very funny, at least judging by their past achievements. No one in the audience last night was observed bursting a blood vessel from uncontrollable laughter. The music, by Harry McLellan, was good and sometimes timeful, but it was more suitable to comic opera than burlesque, As a spectacle, last night's show was a success. As a comical entertainment we should say that laughs will commence after about one week of reconstruction.

When it was considered necessary in this country to label operas, even when they were given under the most dignified circumstances, Auber's "Fra Diavolo" was known as the "tuneful and ever popular." It has recently besome popular in a different sense of the word. It has dropped out of all pretentious use and has been handed over without reserve to the companies that have in the same way come into undisputed possession of "The Bohemian Girl" and "Martha," It is unfortunate that ambitious production of these operas is no longer possible. They coul! be made to serve as charming contrasts in the repertoire of such an opera house as the Metropolitan. But they have become the property of the minor singers in the vernacular to an extent that makes their return to a higher estate seem impossible. They have come to bear the same relation to music that "East Lynne" and "Uncle Tom's Cabin" do to the drama. Personality in contrast with fashion is more potent in the drama than in music. Any great actrees can make "Candile" temporarily as useful as it ever was. But it is not certain that anybody could vitalize "La Traviata" into enduring value again. It has passed out of the mode and cannot be brought back. The same is true of "Fra Diavolo," with the additional disadvantage that use in the cheap theatres has made that opera synonomous with what is democratic and unfushionable. It is doubtful if the best forces of the Metropolitan could make it acceptable there. But it serves well at the American this week, for the comedy is not yet recover, and the freshness of the music is likely to continue for many years to come. The general performance is excellent, and the familiar mejodies are weil Girl" and "Martha." It is unfortunate that years to come. The general performance is excellent, and the familiar meiodies are well delivered by Regnall Roberts and William Pruette. Miss Quinlan acts much better than she sings, and would be more acceptable as an actress if she were less boisterous.

A brother of William F. Kendal, known on the stage as C. W. Garthoone, died lately in England. He was an old actor and manager. The family's real name is Grimston.

Highmond is likely to set the good example of abolishing the fraud and nulsance of theatrical ticket selling at advanced prices. If the Mayor signs an ordinance which the Common Council has passed, it will be a misdemeanor to pay or take higher rates than those de-manded at the box office. Whenever such a law is proposed here some of the managers oppose its passage, and the "speculators" do

In a play which has just failed in London Bishop's Eye," a hypnotic burglar compelled a clergyman to commit robberies. The theme was treated serio-comically in a fashion-able theatre by clever actors, but it was not

fares performed in Chicago a comedian goes out to tap a keg of ale and returns covered with presumed foam. Soapsuds are used, and the comedian got so strong a mouth-ful that the iye burned his throat. He was sent to a hospital and a substitute finished the

sent to a hospital and a substitute finished the performance.

A variation in the illuminated "serpentine dance" at Keith's brings fresh interest to this form of display. Usually these so-called dances differ one from another chiefly in the lighting and in the figures that are thrown on the poser from a magic lantera. But here is one called the "Spirit of the Clock," which starts with a showiness that differs from all the others. In front of the dark stage is a black transparent curtain. As the stage gradually grows light, the outlines of a church steeple are seen. Within them is a huge clock whose hands roint to two minutes of 12. I as few seconds a shalowy figure is seen behind the clock face, and as the clock striles the hour the figure is revealed fully. It is a bit disillusioning to think that the "spirit's" arm is stretched forward that she may grasp the clock hands and turn them to the striking point, but that's a small item. Her gradual disclosure is enough to keep an audience intent and to make significant the gaiaxy of stars that the lantern man throws upon her draperies in the "dance" that follows immediately upon the stage beneath the steeple.

THE OPERA.

"Lohengrin" Excellently Sung at the Met-

ropolitan Last Night. "Lohengrin" was sung last night at the Metropolitan Opera House for the second time at a regular evening performance during the present season. That one of the most popular pperas in the répertoire should have been heard so rarely must be attributed to the tenor crisis which has played such an important part in the arrangement of Mr. Grau's performances this year. The opera was sung first at a Saturday evening performance. and was later heard at two matinées. M. Dippel, who sang the title rôle last night, has twice before had the same responsibility, which once fell to M. Van Dyck, Mmes. Strong, Nordica and Fames have been heard as Elsa, and Mme. Ternina is promised for a subsequent per-

Last night the opera was heard by a fairsized audience. The representation was generally excellent. Mane. Eames's beauty is well
displayed by her new costumes, aithough it
cannot be said that they are entirely appropriate to the period or the spirit of the opera.
As she appears in the last act her dress would
aitract no attention in one of the boxes save

Academician and William H. Hyde.
Kost, Carlton T. Chapman and W. M. J.
Wore elected associates.

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for its beauty. M. Dippel is a capable Lohengrin, and his improvement in the role since he sang it here first a year ago is always noticeable. MM. Bertram, Muhimann and Edouard de Reszke were heard in their accustomed parts. Mme. Schumann-fieink was again Oxtrude and sang with her usual dramatic power. Emil Paur conducted.

One of the usual mishaps in stage management marred the second act. Echind the illuminated windows of the castle passed from time to time figures which indicated an unusual activity on the part of the occapants during the night.

Merry Makers to Give Two Plays.

The Merry Makers will give an entertainment at the Carnegie Lyceum next Monday for Woman's Work. Two plays will be presented, the first being "Fennel," a one-act drama by François Coppée, in which the chardrama by François Codoce, in which the characters will be taken by H. McL. Johnston, G. A. Keiley, D. B. Pierson and Miss. Eva M. Lent. This will be followed by "The Silver Shield," a three-act comedy by Sidney Grundy, which has never before been acted in the United States. The cast includes Joseph Hall, Heman Gerald, Royden Williamson, Jarvis Keiley, Harry Anderson, Miss Carita Curtis, Miss Katherine Heyman, Miss Kate Brigham and Miss. Jessie MacAdam. Tickets may be obtained at the box office or from Mrs. Charles A. Terry, 208 West 138th street.

Ernest Van Dyck to Sing "Faust." Some interesting novelties have been pre-

pared for the opera programme during the rest of the week, Ernest Van Dyck is first time in this country. Although it is one of his best-known rôles in Vienna, the Belgian tenor undertakes it on Saturday for the first time since he became a member of the Metropolitan's forces. On Friday night "Fidelio" will be sung with Mme. Ternina and M. Dippel in the leading rôles. Others in the cast will be MM. Pringle, Breuer and Bertram.

To-night at Carnegie Hall the Musical Arts. Society will give its second concert.

"Das Rheingold" This Afternoon. The Aternoon series of the Nibelangen Ring peras in their entirety will begin to-day when "Das Rheingold" will be seen for the last time this year at the Metropolitan Opera House. The opera will begin at half-past 2 o'clock and will continue without intermission until 5

PHILADELPHIA, March 14 - Miss Julia Arthur is so seriously ill that she was unable to appear at the Broad Street Theatre to-night and it is possib that her engagement in this city will have to be cancelled. Her physician says that s'e has the grip and that she re-quires several days of rest.

ATTORNEY MAURER'S TWO WILLS.

One of Them Was Not Destroyed and the

Probate of the Other Is Being Contested. ROCHESTER, March 14 .- A peculiar complication has arisen over the estate of Edward Maurer, a well-known attorney, who recently died here. Mr. Maurer's specialty was international law. In 1897 Mr. Maurer executed a will which provided for the disposition of his property in case he should die while away on a journey. The essential portion of this will was

"I am about to make a short trip to Europe in company with my wife, and am desirous of making a testamentary provision which will cover the contingency of either or both departing this life before our return to America. Therefore, in the event that I die during said trip and my wife, Louise Proctor Maurer, survives to return to Rochester. I give, devise and vives to return to Rochester. I give, devise and bequeath all my property and estate, both real and personal, to my said wife. In the event, however, that we both die or perish at the same time, or in such a manuer as to leave it uncertain which died first, I give, devise and bequeath all my estate as foresaid to my mother, Elizabeth M. Maurer, if she then be living. If not, then to my sister, Henrietta C. Maurer.

Maurer.

Mr. Maurer and his wife returned safely from this trip, but the will was not destroyed. Upon his death a will excluded in 18:1 was brought forward and offered for pro-The principal clause in this will is as

rall my lawful debts are paid and dis-

BOUGHT NON-TRUST TORACCO And Was Called Down for It-A Jersey Cen-

tral Engineer's Grievance.

PHILLIPSBURG, N. J., March 14.-The chairman of the local grievance committee of the Federated Employees of the Central Railroad of New Jersey after a short session this morning, adjourned to reassemble at Mauch Chunk. Officials of the railroad arrived here at noon An important member of the General Grievance Committee of the employees said to-day that the men were greatly dissatisfied and that a number of grievances would be presented to the company for adjustment. One of them is that the company found fault with an engineer for refusing to buy at Mauch Chunk a brand of tobacco made by a firm in the Tobacco Trust. The engineer, it is alleged, declined to buy this tobacco because it was made by a trust. He bought a tobacco not made by the trust and this resulted, it is asserted, in his receiving a letter from Supt. Wentz of the Lehigh and Susquehanna division of the road, asking him to explain, and declaring that his action was detrimental to the interests of the company. It is said that creater have been received by employees of the company informing them that hereafter they must report any grievances they may have to the railroad officials instead of the brotherhood. that the men were greatly dissatisfied and that of the brotherhood.

BONFIRE BUILT IN THE CELLAR. Three Incendiaries Surprised at Work in a

Hoboken Flat House. The persons living in the five-story brick flat house at 159 Fourteenth street, Hoboken, have been in terror ever since Tuesday night, when an attempt to set fire to the building was frustrated by janitor William Nevins. The anxiety is spreading throughout the neighbor-A fire which started next door and spread to 159 on Jan. 31, 1897, caused the

spread to 159 on Jan. 31, 1897, caused the death of little Mabel Mangel. A constant watch is being kept for fire-bugs.

Janitor Nevins was sitting in his apartment on the second floor about 9 o'clock on Tuesday night when he noticed smoke pouring into the rooms. The other tenants at the same time came running into the hallways and said that though there was no sign of fire in the place, their apartments were filled with smoke. Nevins went to the cellar and came upon three men engaged in piling pieces of wood on a burning heat. As soon as the men saw Nevins they made a dash for the door. He followed them, but they had disappeared when he reached the street. Nevins says that all three men were neatly dressed. The Second Frecinct police have detectives at work on the case. police have detectives at work on the case

BEREFT OF TWELVE STEPCHILDREN. \$10,000 Damages in a Breach of Promise Suit Against an Elderly Paralytic.

Bertha Metzke obtained a judgment in the City Court before Justice McCarthy yesterday of \$10,000 against Fritz Selzkorn for breach of promine of marriage. The defendant, who is a paralytic, did not defend the action. The plaintiff became housekeeper for the defendant, who tiff became housekeeper for the defendant, who is a widower with tweive grown children, about four years ago. She says that he gave an engagement party and presented her with an engagement ring, but kept putting off the marriage. She said that after drinking coffee that he had prepared she became unconscious on one occasion. She was afraid to take his coffee thereafter and, finding the gas turned on and unlighted, she left the place. She is 29 years old and he is more than twice that.

Academician and Associates. At the quarterly meeting of the Academy of Design last even x Frank Fowler was elected Academician and William H. Hyde. F. W. Kost, Carlion T. Chapman and W. M. J. Rice were elected associates.

KIPLING IN SOUTH AFRICA.

WRITER SAYS DISLOYALTY GROWS FAT IN CAPE TOWN.

In His First Article Cabled to "Harper's Weekly" He Buterly Deplores the Attitude of Certain High British Authori-

ties - He Puts a Supposititions Case. Rudyard Kipling's first article from South Africa has been cabled to Harper's Weekly, and will be published to-day. It is a bitter attack on the disloyalty of Cape Town British civil officials, a disloyalty, he says, which the British says on the subject : 'Let us suppose that you who read these lines

had been out with Rimington's jayhawkers, or somebody else's flybynights, riding hard and sleeping light for weeks; had been chewing horse dung round Colesberg; catching sand colie from muddy water to the eastward, or chasing into the hot land's sunnyside way. Suppose, now, by forethought and a little luck you had caught a few dozen veritable rebels neither Free Staters nor Transvaniers, but registered voters who had been firing at you as you blundered desperately across barbed-wires fences. Suppose that you had not shot your prizes, but had turned them over to the military authorities. Suppose now that through some accident of marching these registered voters across a section not under martial law the civil authorities had received them with open arms; had prepared feather beds for them to fall upon, and by some hankypanky of civil law which you, ordered out on a new expedition, could by no means counteract, had sentenced them to practically nominal punishment. "I am, of course, putting a purely supposititi-

practically nominal punishment.

"I am, of course, putting a purely supposititious case, but suppose at last that you were sent down to Cape Town sick, and met above the white table cloth and crystal which you had not seen since November a clean, quiet, collected gentleman in authority who had never been farther than Stellenbosch since the war began, and that gentleman chaffed you about your ill success with your captives, and you had the best of reason to believe that he and a few friends of his had used their authority to undo all the work you had paid for with sweat and saddle chale and dysentery and sun fever. I put it to you, what would you say to that urbane and well-washed friend smiling craftly across the table?

"So it comes about that social relations in Cape Town are a trifle strained, and that men have given up talking to one another who once preserved the semblance of civility. No, it did not pay to be loyal in 1841. That is one reason why men who were loyal then are fighting hard against us, and it pays very little better now. The loyalist on the border has his house ripped inside out by Boers or rebels, or both; the disloyalist's farm is respected, and in return he supplies the enemy with food, horses and information. His risk is small. He may possibly—but not fi his friends can stop it—be arrested on a charge of treason. He may then be sent down country to be tried by a sympathetic jury. He hopes, and not without reason, to have his farm restored to him after he has undergone some absurdly inadequate punishment.

"Menuwhile the loyalist's plano is lying

dergone some absurdly inadequate punishment.

"Meanwhile the loyalist's plano is lying wireless on the v-randa; photographs of his house show the rooms as though cyclones had met to wrestle there; his flocks and herds are gone, and the baby linen is lying on the dung hear. He and his lamily crawl into Cape Town in overpacked trains and get what consolation they can from singing Britons Never Shall Be Slaves' on the Hatforins.

"Then do Messrs, Kribger and Steyn enter into correspondence with Lord Roberts as to the atroctites committed on a virtuous population by a brutal and licentious soldiery. And out in the dust and glare to eastward the various jayhawkers and night cats and eatchemalives of our irregular corps may be forgiven if they wow that the next time they are fired upon from a registered voter's farm they will not wait for an authorization countersigned by filteen officers ere annexing all the registered voter's stock. In sober truth, only a Gilbert & Sullivan operetta can parallel some of the affairs in which the military and civil authorities have met over the bodies of suspected officials."

\$200 FOR THE WRONG CORPSE.

Remains of an Old Man Sent From Colorado to a Young Man's Father.

rado to a Young Man's Father.

Alter all my lawful debts are paid and discharged. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Louise all my property and estate, both real and personal. Likewise I make, constitute and appoint my said Louise Proctor Maurer to be the executiva of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

A large number of contestants have now appeared who claim that the will of 1877 revokes the other, and that owing to the neculiar nature of the latter will Mr. Maurer died intestate. The estate is valued at \$55,000. The objections to the probate of the first will were made yesterday by Attorney W. N. Cogswell, appearing for the Rochester Trust and Sale Deposit Company, as guardan of the property of Alga E. Leona N. and Theodore F. Maurer, infant children of Theodore Maurer, a deceased brother of the testator. Reed & Shutt appeared for a sister, Esther A. Maurer, and S. D. Bentlev for two sisters. Sophia C. Luitweiler of Los Angeles, Cal., and Sarah E. Happ, who is the surviving executrix of the will of Edward W. Maurer's father.

Take the father of Charles Schilling, was dead and asking what should be done with the body. He immediately answered to Boulder to send the body on. What were supposed to be the remains arrived last night. They were taken to the local undertaker's, held until this morning and then taken to the home of the family. The coffin was found to contain the body of an old man, probably 70 years old. Schilling was 28 years old. Schilling was 180 years old. Schilling had committed suicide, members of the family came for a sister, Esther A. Maurer, and S. D. Bentlev of the safety of the suicide, members of the family came for a sister, Esther A. Maurer, and S. D. Bentlev of the suicide of the schilling and committed and the neck Within the casket and on the property of the body was a note from the undertaker and the taken to the local undertaker's, held until this morning and then taken to the local undertaker's, held until this morning and then take

there was great excitement when the casket was opened.

Mr. Schilling paid \$200 express charges to get the body which was buried this afternoon. No one knows the man buried here to-day. Tonight a telegram was received from young Schilling who is in good health in a mining camp fifty miles from Boulder. He telegraphed that he knows nothing of the body sent here for burial.

CAUGHT ROBBING THE MAILS.

Letter Carrier Says It's His Third Offence

-Marked Bills in His Pockets. Post Office Inspectors Jacobs and James yesterday arrested Ferdinand Bollerman, a letter carrier of station E. at Thirty-second street and Sixth avenue, on the charge of rifling the mails. A decoy letter containing \$9 in marked bills was found opened in his posin marked bills was found opened in his pos-session, the bills concealed in the lining of his uniform. Several other opened letters ad-dressed to people on his route were in his pockets. One of them contained three tickets to a lecture. He was locked up in the West Thirrieth street police station.

Botherman is married and lives in Harlem. He told the inspectors that this was his third offence. Persons on his route have been miss-ing valuable letters for several weeks. Miss E. Duke, a teacher, living at 429 West Twenty-second street, lost six letters in three weeks, several of them containing checks and money. E. Duke, a teacher, living at 423 West Twenty-second street, lost six letters in three weeks, several of them containing checks and money. She complained to the Post Office authorities and a decoy letter was addressed to her, mailed and given to Bollerman for delivery walled and given by the yesterday afternoon.

Bollerman reached the house at 3:25 o'clock, but failed to deliver the letter. The inspectors permitted him to go entirely over his route and at the end arrested him. When he was searched and the letters were found he broke

LENITY IN A MURDER CASE. Texas Court Scores a Jury for Bringing In

a Mild Verdict. DALLAS, TEX., March 14.-The State Court of Criminal Appeals to-day affirmed the sentence of ten years' imprisonment against John T. for the killing of Prof. William Lipscomb in the Central Christian Church of Dalias on the night of July 9 last. Prof. Lipscomb was principal of the Dalias Public High School. Carlisle had been dis-missed as janitor. He shot Prof. Lipscomb to death during church services without warning and in the presence of a large congregation. On the trial he pleaded insanity as his defence, Judge Brooks, in the opinion of the court affirming the sentence, denounced the crime and rming the sentence, denounced the crime and buked the trial jury for its leniency, conclud-

"The Court is at a loss to understand how the jury reached the verdict they did. The evidence amply supports murder in the first degree and the highest penalty, which is denth."

John T. Carlisle is a native of Randolph
county, Mo., and a relative of former Secretary John G. Carlisle.

Arrivals on the Oceanic.

Aboard the White Star liner Oceanic, which urrived yesterday from Liverpool and Queenstown, were M. E. Ailes, private secretary to Secretary of the Treasury Gage, Robert H. Secretary of the Treasury Gage, Robert H.
McCurdy, J. O. Lawson Johnston (who has
come here to marry Miss Fannie Roberts
Dunlap, the youngest daughter of Robert
Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Cooper, E. M.
Leventritt, Lord Albert Edward-Godolphin
Osborne (brother of the Duke of Leeds), and
Count A. Wachtmeister. Mrs. George N.
Cooper is a residuary legatee of the Chicago
banker George Smith, who died in London in
October, leading many millions. She and her
husband went to the Waldorf-Astoria. October, leading many millions. She husband went to the Waldorf-Astoria.

Cashman Made Acting Deputy Fire Chief Fire Chief Cashman of the I welfth Battalion was made an acting deputy chief of the dewas hade an acting deputy chief of the de-partment yesterday and assigned to the com-mand of the Third Division in the absence of any of the three deputy chiefs of Manhattan and The Bronx. He will be in command from Forty-second street to the city limits three days each week while the other deputy chiefs are off duty. Chief Cashman heads the list for the next deputy chief. He has been a fireman since 1866.

JURORS CAUGHT BY THE JUDGE.

Two of Them Talking to a Witness-Case | A Schooner's Captain Loses His Life While Diamissed at Once.

Supreme Court Justice Gaynor in Brooklyn yesterday brought the trial of the suit of Mrs. | Crosby of Catouit, Mass., was burned to death Annie D. Andrus against the Long Island Railroad Company for \$50,000 damages for personal injuries to an abrupt ending because he had discovered two of the jurors talking with one of the principal witnesses for the defendant. Mrs. Andrus was one of the party in the tally-ho accident at Valley Stream, L. I., on Memorial Day, 1807. She was thrown against the boiler of the locomotive and was evening for the benefit of the Harlem Exchange Government does not punish. This is what he burned about the body and her left leg was fractured. On a former trial before Justice Marean the jury failed to agree. The jury in the present suit was secured early in the day and the plaintiff had her case nearly in when recess was taken at 2 o'clock. Justice Gaynor adjourned court until 3:30 o'clock. It was 3:55 o'clock when he walked along the corridor to the court room. Two of the jurors failed to see him, but he saw them. After court had been called to order former Senator Wray began to question a wit-

ness. Justice Gaynor interrupted, saying: "George W. Hamilton, come here." Hamilton is the owner of the tally-ho that was wrecked at the time of the accident. When he confronted Justice Gaynor, the latter asked:
"Have any of the jurors been talking to this

man since this case was adjourned?"

There was no response for several minutes and then Juror John Kirwin grose and said: "I

proposed, and Capt. Handy invited Capt. Crosby to go down to his vessel with him for tea. They went together to the Linnell, but upon getting aboard found the mate and cook had gone ashore, so after supper they decided to remain aboard and talk over old times. They sat up talking in the cabin until nearly 11 o'clock, when Capt. Handy prevailed upon his guest to remain with him over night and assigned him to the forward state room on the starboard side of the cabin. Capt. Handy took the room just aft of it on the same side, and after looking the cabin over both men went to sleep. The cook came aboard soon after.

Shortly after midnight Capt. Handy was awakened by the smell of smoke and hastily arose and ran out of his room, rapping on Capt. Crosby's door to awaken him.

"urry, Ben, the ship's aftre," he yelled. Capt. Crosby responded:

"All right. Fin coming."

Capt. Handy then hurried on deck to give the alarm, and soon after looked for Capt. Crosby, but was unable to find him. Suspecting that he was still in his room, Capt. Handy tried to refener the cabin, but the flames and smoke drove him back. He returned to the deck, where he burst open a forward window with a capstan bar, and in a moment Capt. Crosby appeared at it. Capt. Handy tried to drag him out of the window, but he appeared overcome with smoke, and he fell back into the room.

By this time the interior of the cabin was a furnace and several lines of hose from the fertilizer factory were pouring streams of water into it. An alarm was turned in from Canton. Cart. Brown of the Canton Fire Company and William Davis of the Lazarotte Lighthouse succeeded in getting the body of Capt. Crosby before it was burned.

There was no response for several minutes and then Juror John Kirwin arose and said: "I spoke to him in the corridor."
"Do you know him: "asked Justice Gaynor, "Yes, sir." replied the juror: "I have be en in his place of business."
"Are there any other jurors who have spoken to his man since court adjourned?" asked the Justice.
Waiter B. Wills said that he had been introduced to Hamilton by Juror Kirwin.
"Where was that?"
"In the corridor."
Kirwin said he didn't talk about the case. Hamilton had said that the spot where the accident occurred would be a historical place.
"Kirwin," said the Justice sternly, "I dismiss you from the panel. I discharge this jury. This trial will have to be had with another jury. I feel aggrieved over these outrageous proceedings after all the jurors had been sworn and cautioned to go out and not talk to any person about this case."

Then turning to Hamilton the Justice said:
"Hamilton, you will be here to-morrow with counsel and I'll consider in the meantime whether I'll commit you to jail or not. You came here as a witness, and I find you talking with the jurors about this case."

TO DO AWAY WITH STEAM.

Plan to Sink the Tracks in Atlantic Avenue

-Trolley Road on Surface. The directors of the Long Island Railroad company have decided to cooperate with the Atlantic Avenue Improvement Commission in the scheme to do away with steam on Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, independently of the East River tunnel project, which has been temporarily abandoned. The intention is to have a satisfactory measure introduced at once in the Legislature separating the two enterprises, so that the work on Atlantic avenue may be begun as soon as possible. The proposed plans provide for the sinking of the tracks at the Long Island Railroad depot at Atlantic and Flatbush avenues and the building of an underground road to Nostrand avenue, from which point to Ralph avenue the structure is to be elevated; at Ralph avenue the tracks will again be put under ground. Owing to the surface at Manhattan Beach crossing. Atlantic avenue is to be asphalt 4 from curb to curb and the Long Islant Rollroad company is to have the privilege of building and operating a trolley line over the depressed road and at one side of the elevated section. The motive power of the entire line to Jamaica is to be changed from steam to electricity and the running time will be reduced from twenty-five to fifteen minutes. The estimated cost of the improvement is \$2,550,000, half of which according to the act is to be paid by the city. Eugene 6 Blackford, Presidentof the improvement comission, said: "We are all delighted at the action of the Long Island Ralifroud Company. Senator Wagner's bill, which covers all the necessary legislation, will now be pushed as rapidly as possible. The importance of the work would justify an emergency message from the Governor. There is nothing involved but the public good and an improvement for which we have been fighting for fifteen years.

President Ludwig Nissen of the Manufacturers' Association, in accordance with the recent action of the association, has appointed vated; at Ralph avenue the tracks will

whom are to be exempt from furnishing bonds.

The will leaves the Willard street homestead

and its contents, the horses and carriages, to

Mrs. Phelps for life, the property then to go to

the children in equal shares. To his name-sake, Edward Jennings Phelps of Bennington, is bequeathed \$500 for the purchase of a piece of plate to be kept as a memorial of Mr. Pheips, All the other property, of whatsoever sort or description, is bequeathed to Mrs. Phelps ab-solutely. The will says:

MARRIED FIFTY YEARS.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. David J. Yerkes Celebrate

Their Golden Wedding.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., March 14.-The Rev. Dr

and Mrs. David J. Yerkes of West Seventh

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CANNON .- At Elizabeth, N. J., suddenly, on Tues day morning, March 13, 1900, Mary Cornelia, wife of Henry R. Cannon, in her 72d year. telatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, 1016 Lafayette st., on Thursday afternoon, March 15, 1900, at 3 CONNOR .- At Tenafly, N. J., suddenly, on Monday,

March 12, 1900, at his residence. Cleveland A. Connor, in his 86th year.

Funeral services at his late residence, Thursday, 15th inst., at 4:30 P. M., on arrival of train Northern R. R. of N. J., leaving Chambers st. 3:30 P. M

Interment private. DEMUND .- At Redgewood, N. J., on Wednesday, March 14, 1900, of endocarditis, Martha Linn DeMund, daughter of the late Rev. Isaac S. De-Mund and sister of Dr. Frederick C. DeMund, of

Bensonburst, L. L. in her 87th year. Funeral at the residence of her brother, Dr. John T. DeMund, Ridgewood av., Ridgewood, N. J., on Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Train eaves Chambers st. station, Erie R. R., at Interment at Pompton Lakes. N. J. Burial private. Please omit flowers.

solutely. The will says:
"It is my earnest desire that my wife shall, if possible, and if not driven therefrom by excessive taxation, continue to reside in said house," and a desire is expressed that its interior be kept in its present condition and that it be not rented. The homestead is valued at \$30,000 and current gossip sets the personal property at a valuation of \$150,000. EDGAR .- At Rahway, N. J., on March 12, 1900. of pneumon: a, Major George P. Edgar, in his 69th

Funeral service at his late residence, 27 New Brunswick av., Rahway, N. J., on Thursday at 2:30 P. M. Carriages will meet the arrival of 1 and 1:30 P. M. trains from New York, via Pennsylvania Railroad.

VETERANS OF THE SEVENTH REGIMENT. - Members are requested to attend the funeral service of Major George P. Edgar (Sixth Company), in accordance with the notice by his family THOMAS DIMOND. Colonel.

members of the First Baptist Church, of which GROSS,-At Plainfield, N. J., on Wednesday, March 14, 1900, Eugene A. Gross, aged 62 years. Funeral services at the St. Mary's Roman Catholic tion. All of the local pastors were present to join in extending congratulations. The feature of the evening was the presentation to Church, Plainfield, N. J., on Saturday, March 17, at 10 A. M. A requiem high mass will be said for repose of his soul. Carriages will meet the 8 A. M. train from New York, C. R. R. of N. J.

feature of the evening was the presentation to the pastor and his wife of a purse of gold con-taining nearly \$1.000. Charles W. McCutchen made the presentation on behalf of the mem-bers of the church.

Dr. Yerkes was born at Philadelphia in Jan-uary. 1825. In the summer of 1833 he accepted a call to the First Baptist Church in this city, and for thirty-seven years he has served this church. His wife was Miss Sarah Taylor of Saratoga Springs. N. Y. IRVING .- On Tuesday evening. March 13, 1900, at her residence, 25 East 46th st., Sarah Irving, daughter of the late Ebenezer Irving and formerly of Sunnyside, Irvington, in the 83d year of her age.

Funeral at St. Bartholomew's Church. 44th st. and Madison av., on Friday, March 16, 1900, at 1 MACON.-At Orange, N. J., on March 13, 1900. Margaret Thomson, wife of Andrew Mason. Funeral from the house, 140 Scotland st., Thurs

day afternoon, March 15, 1900, at 3 o'clock. Car riages will meet the 2 o'clock train from New York at Orange. McGAY. On Tuesday, March 13, 1900, of pneu monia, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. An draw Henry, 7 Magnolia av., Jersey City Heights

Funeral services will be held at the above address Friday evening, March 18, 1800, at 8 o'clock. PENNINGTON .- At Newark, N. J. Wednesday. March 14, 1900, Samuel Hayes Pennington, M. D., in the 94th year of his age. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services at First Presbyterian Church,

Newark, on Saturday, March 17, 1900, at 12

POWER. -On March 14, 1900, at his residence 194 Vernon av., Brooklyn, John Power, father of the Rev. Walter J. Power of the Transfiguration Church, Brooklyn. Notice of funeral hereafter. ROESLER.-At Wiesbaden, Germany, on Feb. 10,

1900, of pneumonia. August Roesler, in his 56th Funeral service at All Saints' Church, Great Neck. L. I. on Saturday, March 17, 1900, at 12 o'clock. Carriages will meet arrival of 10:50 A. M. train

SANDS-At Pleasantville, N. Y., March 13, 1900. Miss Cinchta J. Sands, in the 84th year of he Funeral services at her late residence, Pleasant ville, Friday, March 16, 1900, at 2 P. M. Car riages will meet the 11:35 train from Grand

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BALTIMORE, March 14.-Cant. Benjamin F.

early this morning aboard the schooner John

tilizer works at lower Canton, a joining the

Lazaretto Lighthouse Capt, S. N. Handy of

the Linnell, whose guest Capt. Crosby was for

the night, also hails from Catouit, and was

burned about the hands while trying to rescue

his friend. He is unable to account for the fire

unless it started from a lighted lamp, as the

Capt. Crosby leaves a widow and five children

at Catouit. He was in command of the schooner

Joseph Luther, which is lying on the other side

of the harbor. Both vessels were consigned to

E. Merts & Co. and there both captains met

yesterday afternoon. A trip to the theatre was

proposed, and Capt. Handy invited Capt.

Crosby to go down to his vessel with him for

Broker C. E. Lockwood's Wife Gets a Divorce

May Violet Lockwood obtained from Justice

Fitzgerald of the Supreme Court vesterday a

decree of divorce against Charles E. Lockwood

a stock broker. They were residing at 27 West Sixty-fourth street on Feb. 2 ast when Mrs. Lockwood went shopping early in the evening with Grace Wendell. She returned soon after for her pocketoock and found her husband had another woman in the apartment.

Business Rotices.

MARRIED

DRIGGS-HEMINWAY,-March 14, 1900, a

DIED.

BELL .- On Monday, March 12, 1900, at his resi-

daughter of the late George Bruce.

f William Bull, aged 62 years.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

10th st., on Thursday, March 15, 1000, at 10 o'clock. It is requested that no flowers be sent BRUCE. - At her home. No. 810 Fifth av., on Tues day evening. March 13, 1900, Catherine Wolfe

BULL. On Monday, March 12, 1900, Kate A., wife

Funeral services at Mount Morris Baptist Church.

BUTTERFIELD.-At Syracuse, N. Y., March 14,

between 126th and 127th sts. and 5th av., Fri-

Slat year of his age.

the home of Homer Heminway, 8 West 51st at

Driggs and Anne B Heminway, both of Water-

the Rev. Dr. Edmund Rowland. George A

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Mrs. Mary Johnson's \$500,000 Estate Diverted From the Church.

A Supreme Court Jury found yesterday that the late Mrs. Mary Johnson was mentally incompetent when she executed two wills and a edicil leaving most of her estate of half a million dollars to Catholic institutions and that the instruments were procured from her through "fraud or circumvention or undue in
NEW YORK PREPARATORY SCHOOL, 15 West 43th Brooklyn, 200 Joralemon. Prepares any one for Regents, colleges, schools. the Rev. Father James W. Power; her counsel, Peter Condon (except as to the codicil), and her servant. Mary Kelly. On these findings the case will now go to Special Term for a judgment partitioning the realty, of which Mr-Johnson's estate chiefly consisted, among her heirs, of whom there are twenty-five, all

cousins.

The charge of undue influence is mainly directed against Father Power, pastor of Alisaints' Roman Catholic Church. He admitted that he dictated the codicil. It was shown that Mrs. Johnson drank excessively all through the period in which she exceuted the testamentury papers. None of the institutions named in the will appeared by counsel to sustain it.

Campaign Against Statute Revisers. The Committee on the Amendment of the

Law which was instructed by the Bar Association to try to get the Commission of & dutors Revision abolished and the law now pending at Albany killed, has cent lawyers throughout the State a summary of the work of the Comthe State a summary of the work of the Com-missioners for the past ten years. "by which," the circular says, "it appears that while they have caused fifty-two general nets to be passed in that time, their work was so carelessly done that the Legislature has been obliged to pass 687 acts in amendment and correction of such general laws." The circular types the rec.p.-eats to join in the effort of the Bar Association.

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